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Cal/EPA and BT&H to Hold Public Meeting on Goods Movement Through California Ports

Los Angeles, California -- The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BT&H) held a public meeting Thursday and Friday of this week discussing the efforts to improve the entire "coast to border" movement of goods in California including through the state's seaports and railroads and the reduction of the environmental impacts associated with the goods movement.

Cal/EPA Secretary Dr. Alan Lloyd said, "Emissions from the state's ports and railroads are major contributors to our air pollution. This meeting began the discussion on what can be done to reverse this growing problem from a statewide view, while making sure our economy continues to grow."

"California's ports and railroads are a commercial gateway for our state and the entire country. We must be able to move these goods in the fastest, cleanest and most efficient way possible so our economy grows and our environment is protected," said BT&H Secretary Sunne McPeak.

The Cal/EPA and BT&H public meeting was attended by leaders from industry, environmental groups and government officials. Presentations and discussions occurred on what can be done to improve the infrastructure needed to accommodate growth and protect the public health of Californians. The meeting's first day featured presentations by Dr. Alan Lloyd, Cal/EPA Secretary and Sunne McPeak, Secretary for the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency as well as panel discussions with stakeholders and community. The second day included discussions on the topic with government officials.

The meeting was concentrated on issues that include the impacts of growth on the movement of goods, improvements to rail, port and road infrastructure, traffic congestion, and the ports' effect on local pollution issues (agenda attached). Much of the meeting focused on what steps can be identified to develop and implement policies that will help ease congestion and address the environmental impacts that result from the movement of goods through the state.

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